

CHAPTER 10 SECTION 2.4

NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Issue Date: January 23, 1984

Authority: [32 CFR 199.4\(c\)\(3\)\(iii\)](#)

I. ISSUE

Nurse Anesthetist.

II. POLICY

The following criteria must be met for coverage of anesthesia services by a nurse anesthetist:

A. There is a physician referral and the anesthesia services are performed under the supervision of a physician or dentist;

B. The nurse anesthetist is operating within the scope of his or her license or certification required in the jurisdiction where practicing; and

C. The nurse is a licensed registered nurse.

D. The nurse anesthetist is an independent individual professional provider, that is, not employed by an institution, or physician anesthesiology group or individual practitioner.

E. Nurse anesthetists who are employees of an institution or physician anesthesiology group or individual practitioner, will only be reimbursed when billed by the institution or physician anesthesiology group or individual practitioner for which the nurse anesthetist is employed.

- END -

